



Dandelion Vineyards

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Moonrise Kingdom McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache Petite Sirah 2021

The Moonrise Kingdom is Dandelion's vibrant playground...



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Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vineyards and vigneron. Our wines represent decades of experience, blending the fruit of our old vine gardens with the finest traditions of artisan winemaking.

Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their terroir in our wines.

Capturing variety, vintage and vineyard requires an enlightened approach and although our growers see the Devil in every weed, we encourage the humble Dandelion amongst the vines as they suppress winter weeds, provide mulch in summer, and proffer their Wishing Clocks in spring to blow off to make our wish come true.

This wine is composed of 60% Shiraz, 20% Grenache and 20% Petite Syrah. These three varieties come from our Firehawk Farm vineyard in McLaren Vale. Our vineyard is perched atop an ancient ridge overlooking McLaren Vale, the Willunga Escarpment and the Gulf of St Vincent. Firehawk is our Native Bird of Prey that soars over our vineyards acting as scarecrows to other birds, rabbits and the like that eat ripening grapes.

The vineyard is handpicked by family and friends in early March. We gently crushed the fruit from the individual varieties into top fermenters. After 10 days of fermentation, the wine was basket pressed into French oak barrels, a third new and the balance seasoned. This was followed by 12 months maturation with minimal winemaking artefact before bottling, to capture the essence of the vineyard. The blend represents the vineyard's bounty of the 2021 vintage. This wine will reward cellaring and decanting.

Tasting Notes

Colour

Purple-red-black and faintly translucent. Welcoming and bright.

Nose

Blackberries freshly hunted and blackberry jam freshly spread; mulberry and too many punnets of blueberries. In the oft-distance a hint of oak's spice and exotica, but the multi-layered aromatics of the three red grapes sing out and love the debate. Complex and ever-changing, but determined.

Palate

Everything to all? Fruit depth yet a balletic acidity. Richness but a minerality and innate tannic structure and, indeed, reverie. Some fruit sweetness and then a flash of liqueur chocolate, after which comes a lightness and freshness of being. Earthy shiraz, depth and tannin from petite sirah, and fruity plushness and aromaticity from grenache. Not so much a blend as a new way. A trinity.

Drink

Duck Confit, Roasted Goat, River Fish Cutlets grilled over vine cuttings served with Gratin Dauphinois. Serve in large rounded glasses and serve at cellar temperature, letting the red wine come up to ambient speed over luncheon.

Specifics

Composition: 60% Shiraz, 20% Grenache, 20% Petite Syrah
Alcohol: 14.5%

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